

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
)	
Amendment of Section 73.606(b),)	
Table of Allotments,)	MM Docket No. 02-27
Television Broadcast Stations; and)	RM-10367
Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments)	
Digital Broadcast Television Stations.)	
(Springfield, Illinois))	
)	

REPORT AND ORDER
(Proceeding Terminated)

Adopted: May 3, 2002

Released: May 9, 2002

By the Chief, Video Division:

1. At the request of West Central Illinois Educational Telecommunications Corporation ("West Central Illinois"), an applicant for a new television station to operate on channel *65, the Commission has before it the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 17 FCC Rcd 2317 (2002), proposing the substitution of DTV channel *36 for channel *65 at Springfield. West Central Illinois filed comments stating its intention to amend its pending application to specify DTV channel *36, if allotted.¹ No other comments were received.

2. We believe the public interest would be served by allotting DTV channel *36 at Springfield since it would permit West Central Illinois to provide the community with its first local noncommercial DTV service. DTV channel *36 can be allotted to Springfield, Illinois, as proposed, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirement of Section 73.625(a) at coordinates 39-36-50 N. and 89-38-58 W. In addition, we find that this channel is acceptable under the 2 percent criterion for *de minimis* impact that is applied in evaluating requests for modification of initial DTV allotments under Section 73.623(c)(2) with the following specifications:

¹ West Central Illinois filed its petition for rule making pursuant to the provisions outlined in the Commission's Public Notice ("*Public Notice*") released on November 22, 1999, DA 99-2605. In that *Public Notice* the Commission announced a window filing opportunity to allow persons with certain pending requests for new analog (NTSC) television stations to modify their requests to eliminate technical conflicts with digital television (DTV) stations and to move from channels 60 through 69. Consequently, West Central Illinois requested a DTV channel as the replacement for its NTSC allotment.

<u>State & City</u>	<u>DTV Channel</u>	<u>DTV power (kW)</u>	<u>Antenna HAAT (m)</u>	<u>DTV Service Pop. (thous.)</u>
IL Springfield	*36	100	156 ²	448

3. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61, 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS ORDERED, That effective June 24, 2002, the DTV Table of Allotments, Section 73.622(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED, with respect to the community listed below, to read as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Channel No.</u>
Springfield, Illinois	*36, 42, 44, 53

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That effective June 24, 2002, the TV Table of Allotments, Section 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED, with respect to the community listed below, to read as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Channel No.</u>
Springfield, Illinois	20+, 49-, 55+

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That within 45 days of the effective date of this *Order*, West Central Illinois Educational Telecommunications Corporation shall submit to the Commission an amendment to its application for a construction permit (FCC Form 340) specifying DTV Channel *36 in lieu of channel *65 at Springfield, Illinois.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

² The *Notice* in this proceeding inadvertently listed the antenna HAAT for DTV channel *36 at Springfield as 335 meters rather than 156 meters.

7. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Pam Blumenthal, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

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